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FOR OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTOR

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend the same as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Page 13, cancel the paragraphs on the entire page, and in  
place thereof, insert the following new  
paragraphs:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of manufacturing a ferrule includes  
the steps of electroforming on a metallic wire  
used as a mother mold to produce an elongated

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